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### **WHITERIVER MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ASSAULT ON GIRLFRIEND**

**PHOENIX** –The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on May 4, 2004, Le Ron Nosie, DOB 11/13/76, of Whiteriver, Ariz., was sentenced to 33 months in prison by United States District Judge Frederick J. Martone in Phoenix. Upon Nosie's release from prison he is also ordered to serve three years of supervised release under the guidance of the United States Probation Department. Nosie entered a plea of guilty to Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury on January 27, 2004.

On or about February 24, 2002, Nosie, a member of the White Mountain Apache Indian Tribe, was with the victim, his girlfriend, at a residence located in East Fork, Ariz. on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Nosie was asleep in his bed when he was awakened by a neighbor and informed that his girlfriend/victim and the neighbor's husband were having sexual relations in the front room. The defendant went to the room and the neighbor's husband ran out of the house. The defendant started throwing plates and a frying pan at the victim. He grabbed her by the hair and started to drag her down the hall way. The victim managed to get loose, ran to the

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bedroom, locked the door and attempted to go out the window. The defendant obtained an axe and broke open the bedroom door. He began to strike her repeatedly about the body with the handle. At one point he turned the axe around and struck her with the blunt end. He caused the victim to suffer a severe laceration and a fracture to her leg. As a result she suffered great pain, required hospitalization and a cast to fix the bone fracture. However Nosie delayed taking her to the hospital for 24 hours which put her at great risk of infection and in the possibility of losing her leg. Nosie also told the victim to tell the doctor that she had injured herself while chopping wood.

The investigation in this case was conducted by White Mountain Apache Police Department and the Fort Apache Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The prosecution was handled by Vincent Q. Kirby, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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